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TO : Director of Training

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FROM : Chief, Language Training Division, O/TR

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SUBJECT: Progress Report for Week of 8 June through 12 June 1953

- 1. A combined total of 128 students is presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Division.
- 2. The language laboratory has been used for a total of 408 hours during the past week.
- 3. Six requests for non-CIA language training have been given final approval by the Director of Training.
- 4. A representative of G-2, Army, Language Training Services, Army, and Information and Education, Army Field Forces, six persons in all, visited the Language Training Division on Wednesday, 10 June, and spent two hours examining the installation, discussing the training materials, including the dual-track mobile unit, and other pertinent matters.

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- 5. As a result of the adjustment of schedule between OSI and ORR for the Basic Russian Reading Course at Georgetown Institute of Languages and Linguistics, the enrollment for the course starting 15 June has risen to a total of 15. This will, of course, result in a substantial economy since a larger number of students will receive training for the same/tuition fee.
- 6. SR has concurred formally in the program for Russian training during the next year, beginning in the Fall. The total number of trainees which it is planned to enter in intensive courses is about 12. Three of them have been formally accepted at the Navy Language School as a result of informal arrangements made by Language Training Division and formalized by a letter from D/TR to the appropriate Navy Office. It is planned to send one, and possibly two, trainees to the University of California and to train the balance locally.

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- 7. An achievement report has been received on the group of seven students now undergoing an intensive training program in Russian at Georgetown Institute of Languages and Linguistics. The report from the instructors will be compared to evaluation tests which these trainees recently underwent in their division.
- 8. A few students who were taking language training at Georgetown will not be readmissible because of unsatisfactory achievement. This, perhaps, brings up the necessity of having a clear policy in respect to continuation of training after an initial failure in a given course.

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9•	An addendum containing final progress items in the Mechanical Translation Project experiment has been given to the Coordinator of External Research, OIC.	25X
10.	The five students who were originally to start Bulgarian training on 1 June 1953 will probably be in a position to start their work in the near future under a private tutor who has been cleared.	
11.	Language Training Division has arranged for the translation of a telephone directory from Georgian into English.	
12.	A person who is being considered to take over the responsibilities of this Division visited the Division on 9 June 1953. Unfortunately, through an inadvertence, Chief, Language Training Division, did not have occasion to meet him.	
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